

Austin Parks and Recreation Department Announces Zilker Park Improvement Projects Public Meetings Schedule

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the public engagement meeting schedule for the Zilker Park Improvement Projects at Barton Springs. In recognition of one of the most extensively used parkland in the City of Austin (COA), the Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) has begun preliminary work to identify potential park improvements within the Barton Springs Bathhouse Zone that will build upon the recent renovations made at Barton Springs Pool.

Input is needed from the public to help shape the vision for the Barton Springs Bathhouse Zone, which includes the rehabilitation of the Bathhouse and the following existing facilities: Barton Creek Trailhead, Hillside Theater, Eliza Springs, Zilker Café, Zilker Zephyr, Zilker Playscape, Zilker Caretaker Cottage and the Pecan Grove Picnic Area. The project goals strive to improve user experience by providing enhanced pedestrian experiences and connectivity, improved signage for pedestrians and vehicular circulation, enhanced parking opportunities and upgrades to existing park amenities.

In addition, the Department will continue to partner with allied COA departments and divisions such as Watershed Protection, Public Works, and Planning and Zoning to address many existing concerns for future enhancement of the project area.

Public Meetings Schedule:

- October 27th, 2015 Open House from 6:00-9:00 PM at Zilker Botanical Gardens
- November 3rd, 2015 Environmental/Infrastructure Focus from 6:00-9:00 PM at McBeth Recreation Center
- November 5th, 2015 Children's Facilities Focus from 6:00-9:00 PM at McBeth Recreation Center
- November 12th, 2015 Bathhouse Focus from 6:00-9:00 PM at Zilker Botanical Gardens
- November 18th, 2015 Feedback review and Alternatives discussion 6:00-9:00 PM at Zilker Botanical Gardens
- December 9th, 2015 Draft recommendations presentation, 6:00-9:00 PM, location TBD

A survey is also available that will help guide the renovation of this zone. Residents and visitors are encouraged to complete this survey by 4:00 PM on Friday, October 30.

To learn more about the **Zilker Park Improvement Projects at Barton Springs** and take a survey visit: **AustinTexas.gov/ZilkerImprovements**

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact the Austin Parks and Recreation Public Information Office at **(512) 974-6723**.

